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MULTIAXIAL UNIVERSAL TESTING MACHINE

the application of which
☐ is attached hereto

OR

☒ was filed on October 28, 2004 as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number PCT/PT2004/000026 and was amended on _____ (if applicable)

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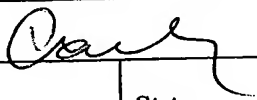
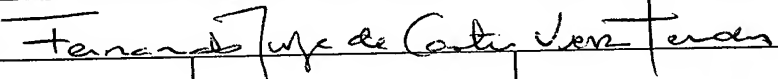
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Whereas, UNIVERSIDADE DO MINHO, Largo do Paco, P-4704-320 Braga (PT) (assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the application and invention, and to any United States patents to be obtained therefor;

Now therefore, for valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,

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